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1. NORTHERN GREECE WORE NEARLY NORMAL EASTER ASPECT OVER WEEKEND. MILITARY CONTROLS WAS CONSPICIOUS ONLY AT GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND CHECKPOINTS ON STRATEGIC HIGHWAYS.

2. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS VIRTUALLY NORMAL. DIRECT DIALING BETWEEN MAJOR CITIES POSSIBLE OVER WEEKEND FOR FIRST TIME SINCE COUP. CONSULATES TELEX CHANNEL OPEN AFTER WEEK OF OBLIGATORY HAND DELIVERY TO POST OFFICE OF ALL MESSAGES, CLASSIFIED OR UNCLASSIFIED.

3. ON ROAD TRIP OVER WEEKEND NEARLY TO BULGARIAN BORDER, THROUGH SERRES, DRAMA AND NORTHEAST ALONG NESTOS RIVER, SAW VERY LITTLE MILITARY ACTIVITY OR CONCENTRATIONS, EXCEPT AT RIVER CROSSING, WHERE ALL VEHICLES HALED FOR IDENTIFICATION.

4. INTERNATIONAL TRUCK FREIGHT MOVEMENT SEEMS AS USUAL ON MAJOR HIGHWAYS FROM BULGARIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, LATTER ENROUTE TO YUGOSLAVIAN FREE PORT HERE, WHICH HAS HAD NO INTERFERENCE ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAVIAN CONGEN.

5. IN VILLAGES AND COUNTRYSIDE, EASTER WAS OBSERVED TRADITIONALLY, TABERNAS WERE FILLED AND THOROUGHFARES THRONGED WITH HOLIDAY PROMENADERS WHEN INTERMITTENT RAIN PERMITTED.

6. POLITICS DISCUSSED ONLY IN SECURITY OF HOMES BECAUSE OF CONTINUING UNCERTAINITY ABOUT GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES. IN TAVERNAS, BUS STATIONS, AIRPORTS, IT IS STILL AVOIDED.

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